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EDITORIAL

Pressure of copy and of work has interfered with preparing and printing notices of publications received. This feature will be resumed in the next issue of the Bulletin.

The unprecedented spring-like weather of middle February, which the central regions of the country experienced, brought the first group of migrants up to the lake region a full fortnight earlier than normal. It will be interesting to study the effect of this early movement upon the subsequent migrations.

The value of the Christmas Census which Bird-Lore inaugurated, and which, by the way, made unnecessary the New Year Census, which the writer started and continued for a few years, will not be questioned by any person who delves deeply into field studies. There should be at least two other similar censuses during the period of the vernal migration. One might well be made for the first day of April, which usually comes in the spring holiday season for teachers and pupils, and the other May 15. The first would occur in the interval between the migrations of the earlier species, and that of the later ones, and would furnish a basis for determining the population of the earlier species, for not many of them have gone north by that time. The Wilson Bulletin would gladly lend its pages for the publication of such a census this year. The other census would be made during the greatest flight of warblers and other small birds. Such a census could be only approximate because of the numbers of the birds, but it would be none the less interesting and valuable.